

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 98

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Morgan County on its Bicentennial.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to recognize and honor those venerable communities of this State that are marking special occasions in their history; and

WHEREAS, Morgan County, nestled in the mountains of East Tennessee, has flourished during its two-hundred-year history, from its humble beginnings when a stone and log home was built within its bounds in 1814 and the official founding of the county by General Assembly ratification on October 15, 1817, to the vibrant and thriving community it is today; and

WHEREAS, an area rich in resourceful individuals as well as natural resources, Morgan County has a long tradition of agriculture, mineral mining, and tourism, along with State and National Parks, providing and ensuring the harmonious relationship between nature and industrialization and achieving a cherished way of life for the citizens of Morgan County and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, a community with an eye to the future and a deep appreciation of the past, Morgan County is home to a host of destinations of historic interest and import, including the Stone Cipher-Kelley House, the Historic District of Rugby, Wartburg Presbyterian Church, and the Morgan County Courthouse, along with the infamous Brushy Mountain Prison, which once housed some of the most notorious convicted felons in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the Bicentennial, festivities held in Morgan County throughout the year will celebrate this momentous anniversary, including the Tennessee Mountain Laurel Festival, Memorial Day, the Deer Lodge Fourth of July parade, and various other community events, culminating with the Bicentennial Parade and Celebration in October; and

WHEREAS, on this milestone occasion, it is fitting that we recognize and honor Morgan County and its residents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend the fine citizens of Morgan County as they celebrate their county's Bicentennial Celebration and extend to them our best wishes for continued success and prosperity in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.